

**ADDRESS OF HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU ON
THE 54th ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF MADURAI KAMARAJ
UNIVERSITY AT DR.MU.VARATHARASANAR ARANGU,
MADURAI KAMARAJ UNIVERSITY ON 13.07.2022 .**

Thiru.R.N.Ravi, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu and Chancellor, Madurai Kamaraj University urged the young graduates to give their best by dreaming big, working hard to achieve the dream and having unwavering self - confidence to take the Nation to her destiny of the world leadership by 2047 while conferring degrees and awards at the convocation held at Dr.Mu.Varadharsanar Arangu, Madurai Kamaraj University, today (13.7.2022).

Hon'ble Governor in his presidential address, praised the renowned National leader Bharat Ratna, Thiru.K.Kamarajar by recollecting his selfless services to the Nation and the State. He fought the British design to divide the Indians during Freedom struggle and after Independence worked hard for the welfare of the poor, marginalized and the depressed classes of society.

He built the strong foundation of schools, higher educations, agriculture and industry in Tamil Nadu. He took schools to every villages, built dams and canals taking water to some 2 lakh hectares of land for agriculture and brought Neyveli Lignite Corporation (NLC), BHEL and Indian Institute of

Technology Madras (IIT-M) etc. He laid the foundation for a progressive Tamil Nadu which people are enjoying today.

Hon'ble Governor added that the massacre of Jallianwala Bagh by the British shocked and inspired the great Nationalist to join the National freedom movement and later he took the leadership of the Nation. His life of simplicity, integrity and dedication is indeed a lesson and inspiration to the youth to actively involve in National mainstream.

He described how the British tried to divide the Indian society by weakening the community's eco system and inculcating inferiority complex among the Indian people. They destroyed the indigenous education system, agriculture and industry of the country and made us poor and feel inferior.

In order to perpetuate the Empire they created the race theory and geographic expressions were made racial difference like Dravidas and Aryas. He urged the young scholars to do research on the British responses to the National Freedom Movement specially in Madras Presidency. He praised Thiru. Kamarajar who stood like rock against the forces who tried to weaken the National Unity.

He urged the students to be self-confident, they should think new and dream big and by hard work and dedication they can achieve their goals. While the Nation has crossed 75 years of Independence and celebrating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Nation

is awaken with determination to take over the leadership of the world as the goals and directions are clear.

Hon'ble Governor called the young graduates as builders of the Nation and reiterated what Hon'ble Prime Minister urges the youth to "Compete and Conquer".

Hon'ble Governor highlighted how India has been progressing since 2014 in all respects. How our youths are becoming entrepreneurs, the start-ups have gone more than 70,000 on May,2022 compared to 2014 when it was mere only 400 start-ups. The strength of Unicorns has gone beyond 100. All round growth and development have been possible because there has been fundamental change in the way to look at the Nation and its challenges. Instead of looking at the country in terms of segments and regions now the country is seen as one family. Challenges are not addressed piecemeal as in past but holistically. Every citizen of the country are getting the benefits.

He elaborated how the chronic gender disparity in the country has been corrected. It has been possible with numerous initiatives of the Central Government like 'Beti Bachao - Beti Padavo' (save the girl child and educate her), toilets in houses, schools and workplaces, healthcare for women, pre-natal and post-natal care of mothers, several incentives and opportunities to women.

Hon'ble added that medical treatment, medical insurance, Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana, scheme of making affordability of generic medicines at low price for the poor and down trodden people and implementing yoga programmes for good health. These positive and bold policies of the country that formulated pragmatically paves the way for ensuring all inclusive progress of food, home, health, education, potable water, employment to each and every citizen. This countrywide movement in the line of considering every citizen as one family, one Kudumbam towards progress of the Nation. Today the world looks at India with expectations for leadership.

In the conclusion, Hon'ble Governor congratulated the students for their success and reiterated that the students should develop their minds towards taking pain to gain their success. They should make the failures and obstacles as lessons and inevitable steps towards achievements.

Hon'ble Governor urged the young graduates to remember the power of firmness of will as told by Great Thiruvalluvar in Kural-666 (eNNiya eNNiyaangu eydhu eNNiyaar

thiNNiyar aagap peRin)

Hon'ble Governor planted tree saplings in remembrance of his participation to the historical convocation in the university campus.

On this occasion, Dr . L.Murugan, Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, Prof. P. Balaram, Former Director, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, Chair Professor, National Centre for Biological Sciences and Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Bengaluru, Prof.J.Kumar, Vice Chancellor, Madurai Kamaraj University, Prof. M.Sivakumar, Registrar, (In-Charge), Madurai Kamaraj University, Syndicate Members, Faculties, Distinguished invitees, dignitaries, parents and students were in presence.

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Raj Bhavan, Chennai

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